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SUBJECT: OCTOBER ITU REGIONAL CONFERENCE: BERLIN ASPECTS

REF: A.) STATE 229187 B.) BONN 15897 C.) BONN 15899

D.) BONN 15900

1. EMBASSY IS TO BE CONGRATULATED FOR EXCELLENT DOCUMENTS
PREPARED ON BERLIN ASPECTS OF ITU CONFERENCE. WE BELIEVE
NEGOTIATING BRIEF AND CONTINGENCY PLAN (REFS (C) AND (D))
PROVIDE GOOD BASIS FOR TREATMENT OF SUBJECT IN GENEVA.

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2. RECOMMENDATIONS A, B, AND C IN PARA 9 OF BONN 15897 ARE ACCEPTABLE TO US. WHERE PRIORITIES FOR VARIOUS FREQUENCIES ARE CONCERNED, WE CONTINUE TO PLACE HIGHEST IMPORTANCE ON MAINTENANCE OF STATUS QUO BUT, AS FALLBACK IN NEGOTIATING BRIEF, WE CAN ACCEPT EQUAL PRIORITIES FOR THREE BERLIN FREQUENCIES AS PROPOSED BY FRG.

3. WE CAN ALSO APPROVE CONTINGENCY PLAN TRANSMITTED IN BONN 15900 WITHOUT CHANGE. HOWEVER, GIVEN THE DIFFICULTY

IN ANTICIPATING ALL PROBLEMS WHICH MIGHT ARISE IN GENEVA, WE AGREE STRONGLY WITH EMBASSY'S VIEW THAT, EXCEPT UNDER THE MOST URGENT CIRCUMSTANCES, ALL PROTESTS SHOULD BE REVIEWED BY THE BONN GROUP AND CAPITALS BEFORE BEING ANSWERED.

4. DEPARTMENT CANNOT BE TOO HELPFUL WHERE MISSING STATISTICS IN PARAS 1A AND 1B OF REF (C) ARE CONCERNED. IT IS OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT ABOUT 100 COUNTRIES ARE EXPECTED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CONFERENCE. FIGURES ON NUMBER OF FREQUENCIES NOW REGISTERED AND NUMBER NOTIFIED FOR CONFERENCE ARE NOT AVAILABLE TO US. IF OTHER BONN GROUP MEMBERS CANNOT PROVIDE INFORMATION, SUGGEST RELEVANT PARAGRAPHS BE ALTERED TO OMIT SPECIFIC FIGURES.

5. AS DISCUSSED WITH EMBASSY AND MISSION DURING RECENT VISIT OF EUR/CE OFFICER, DEPARTMENT FEELS STRONGLY THAT AT LEAST AT BEGINNING OF CONFERENCE, US TEAM SHOULD INCLUDE MEMBER WITH EXPERIENCE IN BERLIN POLITICAL MATTERS. SUGGEST THAT EMBASSY OR MISSION OFFICER SHOULD PLAN TO BE IN GENEVA FOR FIRST WEEK OR TEN DAYS OF THE MEETING. EMBASSY AND MISSION REQUESTED TO COORDINATE ON DESIGNATION OF OFFICER FOR TDY IN GENEVA. AFTER BEING INFORMED OF IDENTITY OF OFFICER, DEPARTMENT WILL CONFIRM ARRANGEMENTS FOR TRAVEL AND PER DIEM. KISSINGER

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